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SUBJECT: SENIOR CUSTOMS REPRESENTATIVE HERMOSILLO -  
INTELLIGENCE REPORT

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MARCH 19, 1990

1. THE MFJP IN SONOYTA, SONORA REPORTED THE SEIZURE OF 1,030  
KILOGRAMS OF MARIHUANA, SEVERAL VEHICLES AND FIREARMS. THE  
MFJP ADDED THAT THIS SEIZURE WAS A RESULT OF INFORMATION  
DEVELOPED BY THE NOGALES, SONORA MFJP GROUP. NO ADDITIONAL  
INFORMATION REGARDING THE SEIZURE WAS RELEASED.  
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2. THE MFJP IN NOGALES, SONORA REPORTED THE SEIZURE OF 152 KILOGRAMS OF MARIHUANA, ONE VEHICLE AND THE ARRESTS OF FOUR TRAFFICKERS. THE FOUR WERE IDENTIFIED AS FOLLOWS:

1. [REDACTED]
2. [REDACTED]
3. [REDACTED]
4. [REDACTED]

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THE LOAD IF MARIHUANA WAS TO HAVE BEEN DELIVERED IN TUCSON, ARIZONA. THE MARIHUANA ORIGINATED IN CULIACAN, SINALOA. THE MFJP SEIZED A 1980 CHEVROLET BEARING ARIZONA LICENSE DEX180.  
MARCH 21, 1990

3. THE MFJP IN SAN LUIS RIO COLORADO, SONORA REPORTED THE SEIZURE OF 1.5 KILOGRAMS OF HIGH GRADE HEROIN. THE MFJP AGENTS MADE THE SEIZURE WHILE PROCESSING PASSENGER ON THE SECOND CLASS TRAIN. TWO FEMALES WERE ARRESTED WITH THE HEROIN, THE PAIR WERE IDENTIFIED AS [REDACTED]

THE PAIR STATED THAT THEY WERE INSTRUCTED TO TRAVEL TO MEXICALI TO DELIVER THE HEROIN WHICH WOULD THAN BE TRANSPORTED TO LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA.

4. THE MFJP IN CABORCA, SONORA REPORTED THE SEIZURE OF 300 KILOGRAMS OF MARIHUANA. THE MARIHUANA WAS FOUND CONCEALED IN NUMEROUS REFRIGERATORS. THE SEIZURE WAS MADE AT A WAREHOUSE AND NO ARRESTS WERE MADE. THE REFRIGERATOR WERE PAINTED IN A VARIETY OF COLORS.

5. THE MFJP IN NOGALES, SONORA REPORTED THE SEIZURE OF 45 KILOGRAMS OF MARIHUANA AND THE SEIZURE OF A 1977 CADILLAC BEARING NEVADA LICENSE 637-DNM. NO ARRESTS WERE MADE. THE MARIHUANA PACKAGES WERE WRAPPED IN ALUMINUM FOIL.  
MARCH 22, 1990

6. THE MFJP IN TIJUANA AND MEXICALI REPORTED THE SEIZURE OF 505 KILOGRAMS OF MARIHUANA, TWO FIREARMS, ONE JEEP, 96,000 U.S. DOLLARS, ONE JEWELRY STORE BEING USED AS A FRONT FOR LAUNDERING  
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NARCOTICS PROCEEDS. THE INVESTIGATION WAS INITIATED BY THE MFJP WHEN THEY STOPPED TWO TRACTOR TRAILERS ON THE SAN LUIS RIO COLORADO-MEXICALI HIGHWAY, THE MARIHUANA WAS FOUND CONCEALED IN SECRET COMPARTMENTS, THE DRIVERS STATED THAT THE MARIHUANA HAD ORIGINATED IN THE STATE OF MICHOACAN AND WAS TO BE DELIVERED IN TIJUANA FOR CROSSING INTO THE UNITED STATES. THE ULTIMATE DESTINATION OF THE MARIHUANA WAS SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA.

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FOLLOWING UP ON SEVERAL LEADS, THE MFJP AGENTS PROCEEDED TO TIJUANA AND SEIZED 96,000 U.S. DOLLARS, THE MFJP LOCATED THE GROUP AWAITING THE LOAD OF MARIHUANA AND ARRESTED SIX TRAFFICKERS.

DEVELOPING ADDITIONAL LEADS, THE AGENTS THEN RESPONDED TO A JEWELRY STORE OPERATING UNDER THE NAME OF "KIMBERLY" . THE STORE WAS A FRONT FOR THE GROUP TO LAUNDER THEIR NARCOTICS PROCEEDS, THE AGENTS ARRESTED THREE ADDITIONAL PERSONS.

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THE PERSONS ARRESTED WERE IDENTIFIED AS FOLLOWS:

1. [REDACTED] (DRIVER OF TRACTOR TRAILER)
2. [REDACTED] (DRIVER OF TRACTOR TRAILER).
3. [REDACTED]
4. [REDACTED]
5. [REDACTED]
6. [REDACTED]
7. [REDACTED] (b) (7) (c)
8. [REDACTED]
9. [REDACTED]
10. [REDACTED]
11. [REDACTED]

PERSONS 3-8 WERE THE PERSONS AWAITING THE LOAD OF MARIHUANA IN TIJUANA. THE LAST THREE PERSONS WERE ARRESTED BY THE MFJP AT THE JEWELRY STORE.

7. A GROUP OF DRUG TRAFFICKERS OPERATING IN SONORA WERE ARRESTED IN YUMA, ARIZONA. SEVEN TRAFFICKERS WERE ARRESTED. THE AUTHORITIES ALSO SEIZED TWO MILLION DOLLARS, 454 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE, 3 HOUSES, 3 WEAPONS AND 16 VEHICLES. THE PERSONS ARRESTED WERE IDENTIFIED AS FOLLOWS:

1. [REDACTED]
2. [REDACTED] (b) (7) (c)
3. [REDACTED]

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4. [REDACTED]
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6. [REDACTED]
7. [REDACTED] (b) (7) (c)

WAS IDENTIFIED AS THE HEAD OF THE GROUP.

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INFORMATION WAS ALSO REVEALED THAT NUMEROUS PERSONS LIVING IN HERMOSILLO, SONORA HAVE BEEN IMPLICATED IN THIS SMUGGLING VENTURE. THE IDENTITIES OF THE IMPLICATED PARTIES WERE NOT REVEALED.

MARCH 23, 1990

8. THE MFJP IN SAN LUIS RIO COLORADO, SONORA REPORTED THE SEIZURE OF 1.3 KILOGRAMS OF HEROIN AND THE ARRESTS OF [REDACTED]. THE HEROIN ORIGINATED IN APATZINGAN, MICHOACAN. [REDACTED] WAS TO DELIVER THE HEROIN IN TIJUANA. THE MFJP DISCOVERED [REDACTED] BODY CARRYING THE HEROIN. THE MFJP STOPPED A SECOND PERSON IDENTIFIED AS [REDACTED] FROM CULIACAN, SINALOA, A SEARCH OF HIS PERSON RESULTED IN THE MFJP AGENTS DISCOVERING 106 GRAMS OF HIGH GRADE HEROIN. BOTH PERSONS WERE TRAVELING ON THE SECOND CLASS TRAIN. [REDACTED] STATED THAT HE WAS TO DELIVER THE HEROIN IN LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA.

MARCH 24, 1990

9. THE MFJP IN NOGALES, SONORA REPORTED THE SEIZURE OF 184 KILOGRAMS OF MARIHUANA FOUND IN THE WRECKAGE OF A SMALL PLANE BEARING MEXICAN REGISTRATION XB-FUG. THE PLANE CRASHED NEAR NOGALES, SONORA, MEXICO. THE PILOT MARIO ALBERTO GOMEZ-RIVERA DIED AS A RESULT OF THE CRASH, A PASSENGER IDENTIFIED AS [REDACTED] WAS INJURED, A THIRD PASSENGER MANAGED TO ESCAPE. [REDACTED] STATED THAT THEY HAD BEEN INVOLVED IN TRANSPORTING LOADS OF MARIHUANA FOR APPROXIMATELY TWO YEARS, THAT THE LOAD OF MARIHUANA SEIZED HAD ORIGINATED IN LOS MOCHIS, SINALOA. THE PILOT WAS ATTEMPTING TO LAND AT AN AIRSTRIP NEAR IMURIS, SONORA, TO DELIVER THE MARIHUANA BUT THE PLANE

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DEVELOPED MECHANICAL PROBLEMS AND THEY WERE FORCED TO LAND. THE MARIHUANA WAS TO HAVE BEEN TRANSFERRED TO VEHICLES AT THE IMURIS, SONORA AIRSTRIP FOR TRANSPORT TO THE BORDER FOR CROSSING INTO THE UNITED STATES.

10. THE SINALOA STATE POLICE RESPONDED TO EL ROSARIO, SINALOA TO EXECUTE AN ARREST WARRANT, ARRIVING AT A RANCH KNOWN AS "JALPA" LOCATED 90 KILOGRAMS FROM EL ROSARIO THE TEAM OF OFFICERS WERE MET BY A HAIL OF GUNFIRE. ONE POLICE OFFICER WAS KILLED AND ANOTHER WAS CRITICALLY INJURED. THE RUNNING GUNBATTLE LASTED APPROXIMATELY 3-4 HOURS DURING WHICH BOTH SIDES EXCHANGED A LARGE VOLUME OF GUNFIRE. THE POLICE OFFICER KILLED FERNANDO LIZARRAGA-QUINTERO, HIS FATHER WAS ALSO ARRESTED. THE POLICE OFFICERS SEIZED A VARIETY OF .45 CALIBER

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PISTOLS, AMMO AND NUMEROUS SHOTGUNS.  
MARCH 26, 1990

IT WAS REPORTED THAT MEXICAN DRUG KINGPIN [REDACTED] (b)(7)(c)  
[REDACTED] SUPPORTED THE [REDACTED] BACKED  
NICARAGUAN CONTRAS BY SMUGGLING ARMS AND MONEY. IT WAS ALSO  
REVEALED THAT THE [REDACTED] HAD ALSO BEEN  
INVOLVED IN WORKING WITH THE NOW DISBANDED MEXICAN DIRECTORATE  
OF FEDERAL SECURITY (DFS). SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE DFS BECAME  
HEAVILY INVOLVED IN DRUG TRAFFICKING AND THEN IN THE MURDER OF  
UNITED STATES DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION SPECIAL AGENT  
ERIQUE CAMARENA-SALAZAR.

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DESPITE THE DFS INVOLVEMENT WITH DRUG TRAFFICKING, THE [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] CONTINUED HAVING DEALINGS WITH DFS DIRECTOR  
[REDACTED] IS NOW BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN  
INVOLVED IN THE MURDER OF SPECIAL AGENT CAMARENA. MEXICAN  
AUTHORITIES HAVE CHARGED [REDACTED] WITH USING HIS OFFICIAL  
POSITION TO PROTECT DRUG TRAFFICKING. ANOTHER EX DFS COMMANDER  
IDENTIFIED AS [REDACTED], SAID TO HAVE BEEN WORKING  
WITH MEXICAN DRUG TRAFFICKERS, INTERROGATED SPECIAL AGENT  
CAMARENA THE DAY HE WAS KIDNAPPED. IT WAS FURTHERMORE REPORTED  
THAT THE [REDACTED] BECAME INVOLVED IN THE  
DRUG WAR AFTER IT WAS DETERMINED THAT OTHER UNITED STATES  
AGENCIES ALONG WITH OTHER FOREIGN POLICE POWERS COULD NOT  
SUPPRESS THE FLOW OF NARCOTICS INTO THE UNITED STATES.  
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT ACTING SENIOR CUSTOMS  
REPRESENTATIVE [REDACTED]

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